

Macklem, Rev. Thomas Clark Street

Sept 1914 - June 1915

September 22nd, 1914

Provost Mackler,
Trinity College.

Dear Provost Mackler:

I am directed by the President to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. regarding duplicate lectures at Trinity College. As soon as the President receives the names of the lecturers from the heads of the departments concerned they will be forwarded to Registrar Kirkwood, as you request.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

September 24th, 1914

Provost Macklem,

Trinity College, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Provost:

Many thanks for the resolution which I think covers the ground. I am sending a copy of it to the Athletic Directorate.

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 7th, 1914

Provost Mackler,

Trinity College,

Toronto.

My dear Provost:

To my great regret I shall be unable to be present at the Convocation at the University of Trinity College to be held on the 18th of November, when Dr. Worrell will be installed as Chancellor and honorary degrees conferred in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Diocese. I leave for Alberta on the 15th of November to undertake a very important commission in connection with the University, and expect to be absent for three weeks. I hope you will excuse me, and would you kindly announce to the Convocation my regret and congratulate both the University and Dr. Worrell on the occasion.

I will ask Dean Baker or some other representative to be present on behalf of the University. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Trinity College.

Toronto, 6th April, 1915.

Sir Edmund Walker, C. V. O.,
Chairman of the Board of Governors,
University of Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund Walker:-

On behalf of Trinity College I have the honour to lay before the Board of Governors, through you as Chairman, the plans for the new buildings of Trinity College as designed by our Architects, Messrs. Darling and Pearson.

The College and the Architects have spared no pains in the endeavour to produce a design worthy of the site, of Trinity College, and of the University. It is our hope to use stone - probably Grey Credit Valley Stone - for all exterior walls, if funds permit.

While we cannot hope to erect all these buildings at once, we shall endeavour to complete as soon as possible the whole of the first quadrangle, with the Hall to the South and the Chapel to the East, so that the structure may present a finished appearance both from the street and from the garden fronts.

Along with the submission of this design we have to pray the Governors for an enlargement of the site assigned for our use, because the erection of the buildings according to this design would be impossible otherwise. Our petition is that the frontage on Hoskin Avenue be increased from 320 feet to 350 feet, and that we be allowed to extend the Chapel ten feet beyond the new boundary line on the East. In support of this petition we respectfully submit the following considerations:-

1) In the plans now submitted we have compressed our estimated needs into the most compact space possible without unduly detracting from the artistic effect of the buildings.

2) It is impossible to erect these buildings on the 320 feet, without making changes in the design which would render the building much less attractive in appearance and less satisfactory for practical use.

3) Even were these changes made, there would still remain two objections, which would probably be felt as such by the University as well as by the College, viz., (a) We should have to build right up to our boundary line on the West, and this would crowd the University Residences and Trinity College closer together than is desirable for either appearance or light, -- especially for the light of our class-rooms; (b) We should have to make the East (Garden) front almost a straight line, instead of the broken and irregular frontage shown by the present design. This would detract seriously from the beauty and artistic effect of the Garden front.

4) The larger area would enable us to place the building far enough back from Hoskin Avenue to escape the heating tunnel where it cuts across the lot on the South-East.

5) So far as our knowledge goes no interest would be adversely affected by the granting of our petition, while the gain in architectural beauty is one which concerns the University as a whole hardly less than Trinity College.

Some of these points, with others not here enumerated, cannot be explained briefly in a letter, because the plans as first drawn to suit the lesser frontage differed in a number of details from the design now submitted. Our realization of the fact that it was impossible to make the design entirely satisfactory on the smaller site led us to decide upon a re-construction as now shown, with a petition to the Governors for the larger frontage necessary thereto.

If the Governors desire further explanation of these changes I shall be happy to supply them by letter and diagrams, or better by meeting a Committee of the Board, or the full Board, at such time and place as may be appointed.

According to the estimates presented to us it would appear that when these buildings shall have been completed their cost will be approximately the sum of One Million Dollars, and we hereby ask the Governors for approval of this expenditure.

This request is made in accordance with the terms of the Removal Agreement which provides that "the price to be paid to Trinity College" in the event of its withdrawal from Federation after the expiration of twenty years from the date of Removal, "shall not exceed \$400,000. unless the excess is in respect of buildings to the erection of which the Governors shall have consented in writing".

While we do not contemplate the immediate expenditure of more than about \$600,000. (exclusive of the Chapel), we should be under the necessity of altering the whole plan and scale of the buildings unless we are authorized to spend ultimately the money necessary to their completion later on according to the present scale.

The memorandum appended to this letter sets forth the clauses of the Agreement bearing on the present application.

To sum up, then, our petition to the Governors covers these three matters:-

1) For enlargement of the site by granting 30 feet of additional frontage on Hoskin Avenue for the full depth of the lot, with permission to extend the Chapel ten feet East of the eastern boundary line.

2) For approval of the plans of the proposed buildings as now submitted.

3) For authorization of the expenditure upon these buildings of a sum not exceeding One Million Dollars, exclusive of the cost of the Chapel.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to remain,

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed) T. C. S. Macklem.

Provost.

MEMORANDUM

to accompany Letter from the provost of Trinity College to the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto, being a copy of Clauses 5 to 13 of the

REMOVAL AGREEMENT

5) Plans and specifications of all buildings which Trinity College shall propose to erect on the site assigned to it shall be submitted to and approved by the Governors before their erection is proceeded with.

6) If and when Trinity College shall withdraw from Federation its rights under the agreement shall come to an end, and it shall thereupon surrender possession of the site assigned to it and of all buildings and erections thereon, and shall not be entitled to any compensation therefor except as provided by paragraphs 7 to 13 inclusive.

7) If Trinity College shall withdraw from Federation after the expiration of twenty years from the time of its removal to the site assigned to it, but not otherwise, the Governors will purchase the buildings then on the site, which shall have been erected by Trinity College at a price to be agreed upon, or in case of disagreement to be determined by arbitration.

8) The next preceding paragraph shall not apply to a chapel or to a building used as a chapel.

9) The price to be paid to Trinity College under the provisions of paragraph seven shall not exceed four hundred thousand dollars unless the excess is in respect of buildings to the erection of which the Governors shall have consented in writing.

10) The price to be paid for the buildings shall be paid by the issue of debentures of the Governors of the University of Toronto payable in thirty years from the date on which the price is fixed, with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum payable half yearly, or in cash at the option of the Governors; provided that any outstanding charge on the buildings purchased shall be removed by Trinity College, before or simultaneously with the delivery of the debentures, or the payment in cash.

11) Any chapel or building used as a chapel may be removed by Trinity College at any time within six months after its withdrawal from federation takes effect.

12) In case Trinity College shall have purchased Block "B", in the event of its withdrawal from federation at any time the Governors shall re-purchase it at the price at which it was purchased by Trinity College.

13) When an arbitration is to be had one arbitrator shall be appointed by the Governors and one by Trinity College, and a third by the two arbitrators so appointed, and the award may be made by the three arbitrators or by the majority of them.

(Sgd.) T.C.S.M.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION.

The Governors of the University of Toronto hereby consent to an enlargement of the site assigned to Trinity College in pursuance of the University Act 1906, by the extension of the Eastern boundary of the piece of land shown as Block "A" in the Removal Agreement, Eastwards for thirty feet, and to the erection thereon by Trinity College, at a cost not exceeding One Million Dollars, of the buildings shown by the Plans prepared by Messrs. Darling & Pearson, Architects, and submitted to the Board by Trinity College, which said plans are hereby approved of. The Governors consent also to an extension of the chapel building for ten feet beyond the new Eastern boundary line.

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May 3rd, 1915.

Provost Mackler,

Trinity College, Toronto.

My dear Provost:

As you are aware there is to be a Conference of Universities of the Dominion held in the University of Toronto on Tuesday, June the first. The response from the other Universities has been very great.

I am enclosing you a provisional list of topics for discussion. If you will let me know any in which you are particularly interested and in which you would like to take part, I shall be glad to put your name on the programme. We of course expect you to be one of the hosts on that occasion, as the University itself is inviting the other representatives.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 17th, 1915

Provost Macklem,

Trinity College, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Provost:

Will you be kind enough to present Principal
Gardier for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, at the
Convocation on Friday, May 21st ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 11th, 1915

Provost Macklem,
Trinity College,
Toronto.

My dear Provost:

Yesterday at the meeting of the Board of Governors your letter was read and the proposal contained in it was discussed at length. Difficulties presented themselves in the discussion, and it was agreed by the Board to ask you to meet a Committee of the Board of Governors again with the members of your Committee from Trinity College in order, if possible, to reach a final conclusion in the matter. If you will let me know what day will be suitable for you I will endeavour to make the arrangements.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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